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Were it mine to do, here is what I would order.

Microsoft is prohibited from shipping any form of internet (web) browser for 10 years.

Microsoft may not ship any software that potentially interconnects with any other software where the software to be shipped does not comply with open standards. Interconnect includes: file formats, public APIs, Network Protocols, others as may be defined by the special master.

Microsoft must publish interface specifications for all APIs used by any application software authored, branded or funded by Microsoft. The special master may define other interfaces as necessary.

Microsoft must pay \$100Billion to a pool of Netscape shareholders. The pool is to be divided according to number of shares held, ... something equitable.

Microsoft must release all desktop software, Office, Access, Money, Flight Simulator, Front Page, Net Meeting, etc. on MacIntosh, Linux, FreeBSD, NetBSD, Solaris. Such release must have all the features that the equivalent Windows application has and cannot have a defect rate greater than that for the Windows release.

Microsoft may not ship any applications programs bundled with its operating systems. Each application must be packaged, and priced separately.

Microsoft must divest itself of any business ventures not related to software development. This includes MSN, travel, shopping, other business as defined by the special master.

A special master will be appointed to assure Microsoft's complaince. The special master must be known to be "hostile" to Microsoft. The special master must be approved by Sun, AOL, Bruce Perens. ... How do I apply for this job?

The special master may assess additional penalties against Microsoft for violations of the judgement. The penalties may be any anything, up to and including liquidation. Such assessments may not be appealed.

The special master may order named Microsoft officers, key employees, and contractors (inculuding legal counsel) jailed for up to 5 years and/or fined up to \$50Billion, depending on ability to pay, per offense, for contempt if, in his sole judgement, they have knowingly and/or willfully, or through incompetence, violated the terms of the judgement. The sentence to be served in Sherrif Arpaio's (some county in Arizona) jail.

Microsoft must publish a double-page spread in at least one "leading" newspaper every day in every state for at least 2 years stating what predatory practices they committed and who they targeted. Microsoft will appologize for their past behavior.

Officers, directors, contractors (including legal counsel) for Microsoft will not contest any civil claims for damage caused by their predatory practices and will pay, to the limit of their resources, all claims.

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